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From the Mayor's Desk (1-21-15)

Good day. The New Year has started off nicely for the city. At our Workshop yesterday we discussed the following items:

A: Animal Control. We are trying to find ways to lower our quarterly payments to Bay County Animal Control. At the present time we are paying anywhere from \$25,000 to \$32,000 each quarter which is \$100,000 plus each year. Animal owners need to take responsibility of their pets, it should not be up to the city or neighbor to control your pets. We will be setting down with Animal Control and discussing this issue and how to fine owners for failure to do maintain their pets, and address citizens that constantly call on their neighbors, when Animal Control finds no issues.

B: Tram Road Lift Station. The lift station was broken into and caused approximately \$42,000 in damage.

C: Trip to Bridgeport, Alabama. The Public Works Director, City Clerk and Finance Director made an overnight trip to evaluate a Water Meter System in the ground and working. Our current system is outdated, and we need to start replacing the system with the grant we have been awarded. The city staff has evaluated 3 different vendors, and the one utilized by Bridgeport at this point seems to fit out needs and budget.

D: Discussed required Ethnic training currently scheduled for Jan. 22, 2015. We just got notified the Florida League of Cities will be in Panama City in April, to provide free training. The scheduled training will be cancelled.

E: Our IT representative showed a demo of our new website. It is up and running and will provide a great deal of information. We are still adding items as they come up, and this letter will also be posted on the site. Please review the site and let us know what you would like to see added. The site can be reached at: www.springfield.fl.gov.

The city is continuing to improve each and every day. While there is still a lot to do, we are making progress. If you know of an issue, please let us know, but some things may take awhile. We cannot pave all the streets at one time, while each one is important, we have to complete projects as money is available.

Thank you for your support and involvement in our city. You may contact me anytime or come by the

office during normal business hours. Don't forget about our upcoming Founders Day, Feb 28, 2015. We will be celebrating the cities 80th birthday.

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